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throughout the cytoplasm. In contrast, 56- and 80-glutamine fusion proteins (pathologic length) formed fibrillar arrays resembling those previously observed in neurons in Huntington's disease and in a transgenic mouse model. These aggregates were intranuclear and intracytoplasmic. Intracytoplasmic aggregates were surrounded by collapsed intermediate filaments. The intermediate filament protein vimentin co-immunoisolated with expanded polyglutamine fusion proteins. This cellular model will expedite investigations into oligomerization of polyglutamine proteins and their interactions with other proteins.

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    The repeat length-dependent tendency of the
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     a number of features of various polyglutamine (polyGln)
     aggregates and their assembly pathways that bear a resemblance to
     generally recognized defining features of amyloid fibrils. PolyGln
     aggregation kinetics displays concentration and length
     dependence and a lag phase that can be abbreviated by seeding. PolyGln
     aggregates exhibit classical beta -sheet-rich circular dichroism
     spectra consistent with an amyloid-like substructure. The fundamental
     structural unit of all the in vitro aggregates described here is
     a filament about 3 nm in width, resembling the protofibrillar
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intermediates in amyloid fibril assembly. We observed these filamentous structures either as isolated threads, as components of ribbonlike sheets, or, rarely, in amyloid-like twisted fibrils. All of the polyGln aggregates described here bind thioflavin T and shift its fluorescence spectrum. Although all polyGln aggregates tested bind the dye Congo red, only aggregates of a relatively long polyGln peptide exhibit Congo red birefringence, and this birefringence is only observed in a small portion of these aggregates. Remarkably, a monoclonal antibody with high selectivity for a generic amyloid fibril conformational epitope is capable of binding polyGln aggregates. Thus, polyGln aggregates exhibit most of the characteristic features of amyloid, but the twisted fibril structure with Congo red birefringence is not the predominant form in the polyGln repeat length range studied here. We also find that polyGln peptides exhibit an unusual freezing-dependent aggregation that appears to be caused by the freeze concentration of peptide and/or buffer components. This is of both fundamental and practical significance. PolyGln aggregation is revealed to be a highly specific process consistent with a significant degree of order in the molecular structure of the product. This ordered structure, or the assembly process leading to it, may be responsible for the cell-specific neuronal degeneration observed in Huntington's and other expanded CAG repeat diseases.

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Eight inherited neurodegenerative diseases are caused by genes with AB expanded CAG repeats coding for polyglutamine domains in the disease- producing proteins. The mechanism by which this expanded polyglutamine domain causes neurodegenerative disease is unknown, but nuclear and cytoplasmic polyglutamine protein aggregation is a common feature. In transfected COS7 cells, expanded polyglutamine proteins aggregate and disrupt the vimentin intermediate filament network. Since neurons have an intermediate filament network composed of neurofilament (NF) and NF abnormalities occur in neurodegenerative diseases, we examined whether pathologic-length polyglutamine domain proteins also interact with NF. We expressed varying lengths polyglutamine-green fluorescent protein fusion proteins in a neuroblast cell line, TR1. Pathologic-length polyglutamine-GFP fusion proteins formed large cytoplasmic aggregates surrounded by neurofilament. Immunoisolation of pathologic-length polyglutamine proteins coisolated 68- kDa NF protein demonstrating molecular interaction. These observations suggest that polyglutamine interaction with NF is important in the pathogenesis of the polyglutamine repeat

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is unknown. Recent studies demonstrated oligomerization of polyglutamine-domain proteins in mammalian neurons. To study oligomerization of polyglutamine proteins and to identify

heterologous protein interactions, varying length

polyglutamine-green fluorescent protein fusion proteins were expressed in cultured COS-7 cells. The 19-and 35-glutamine fusion proteins (non-pathologic length) distributed diffusely

throughout the cytoplasm. In contrast, 56- and 80-glutamine fusion proteins (pathologic length) formed fibrillar arrays resembling those previously observed in neurons in Huntington's disease and in a transgenic mouse model. These aggregates were intranuclear and intracytoplasmic. Intracytoplasmic aggregates were surrounded by collapsed intermediate filaments. The intermediate filament protein vimentin co-immunoisolated with expanded polyglutamine fusion proteins. This cellular model will expedite investigations into oligomerization of polyglutamine proteins and their interactions with other proteins.